

OPINION 1857

Metablastothrix Sugonjaev, 1964 (Insecta, Hymenoptera): *Blastothrix isomorpha* Sugonjaev, 1964 designated as the type species

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Ruling

- (1) Under the plenary powers all previous fixations of type species for the nominal genus *Metablastothrix* Sugonjaev, 1964 are hereby set aside and *Blastothrix isomorpha* Sugonjaev, 1964 is designated as the type species.
- (2) The name *Metablastothrix* Sugonjaev, 1964 (gender: feminine), type species by designation under the plenary powers in (1) above *Blastothrix isomorpha* Sugonjaev, 1964, is hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology.
- (3) The name *isomorpha* Sugonjaev, 1964, as published in the binomen *Blastothrix (Metablastothrix) isomorpha* (specific name of the type species of *Metablastothrix* Sugonjaev, 1964), is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology.

History of Case 2916

An application for the designation of *Blastothrix (Metablastothrix) isomorpha* Sugonjaev, 1964 as the type species of *Metablastothrix* Sugonjaev, 1964 was received from Dr Natalia D. Voinovich, Prof Vladimir A. Trjapitzin and Dr Eugeny S. Sugonjaev (*Zoological Institute, Russian Academy of Sciences, St Petersburg, Russia*) on 22 November 1993. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 52: 54–56 (March 1995). Notice of the case was sent to appropriate journals.

Decision of the Commission

On 1 March 1996 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 52: 55. At the close of the voting period on 1 June 1996 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes — 21: Bayer, Bock, Cocks, Corliss, Dupuis, Hahn, Heppell, Holthuis, Kabata, Kraus, Lehtinen, Macpherson, Mahnert, Martins de Souza, Minelli, Nielsen, Nye, Savage, Schuster, Starobogatov, Trjapitzin

Negative votes — 1: Štys.

Bouchet abstained.

No vote was received from Halvorsen.

Cogger and Ride were on leave of absence.

Bouchet commented: 'The application does not give the valid name for the misidentified type species of *Metablastothrix* Sugonjaev, 1964. It would perhaps be more convenient to have the species from St Petersburg which was studied by Sugonjaev as the type, rather than the less easily accessible *B. isomorpha* from Kazakhstan. Furthermore, the biology of Sugonjaev's misidentified species is known, but the application fails to mention if it is also known for *B. isomorpha*. I consider

that the data in the application are insufficient for an informed decision and I therefore abstain'. Štys commented: 'There should be a statement of what, in the view of the authors, is the specific identity of *Microterys truncatipennis* sensu Sugonjaev (1964), non Ferrière (1955). They leave the formerly designated misidentified type species without identity'.

Original references

The following are the original references to the names placed on Official Lists by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

isomorpha, *Blastothrix* (*Metablastothrix*), Sugonjaev, 1964, *Entomologicheskoe Obozrenie*, **43**(2): 371.

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